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SUBJECT: DOCUMENTATION FOR ALLIED EMBASSIES IN EAST BERLIN

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1. BRITISH MISSION IN BERLIN HAS INFORMED US OF RESULTS
OF BRITISH EMBASSY EAST BERLIN APPROACH TO GDR GOREIGN
MINISTRY ON EAST- WEST BERLIN CROSSING PROCEDURES FOR UK
EMBASSY STAFF (REFTEL):

A) THERE WAS NO DIFFICULTY ABOUT HOLDERS OF BRITISH
MILITARY GOVERNMENT (BMG) IDENTITY CARDS TRAVELLING AS
PASSENGERS IN EMBASSY CARS WITH CD PLATES, OR HOLDERS OF
EAST GERMAN DIPLOMATIC OR SERVICE IDENTITY CARDS TRAVELLING
IN BRITISH MILITARY GOVERNMENT CARS.

B) HOLDERS OF GDR SERVICE IDENTITY CARDS, ALTHOUGH
REQUIRED TO SHOW PASSPORTS AT CHECKPOINT CHARLIE, WOULD NOT
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HAVE THESE STAMPED.

C) HOLDERS OF MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS ISSUED IN BERLIN
WOULD NOT HAVE THESE STAMPED SINCE PLACE OF ISSUE WAS

SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE THAT THE HOLDER HAD ENTERED THE GDR.

D) IDENTITY CARDS COULD NOT BE ISSUED TO EMBASSY STAFF
NOT RESIDENT IN EAST BERLIN. FURTHER THOUGHT WOULD BE GIVEN
ON EAST GERMAN SIDE TO DOCUMENTATION WHICH WOULD PERMIT WEST
BERLIN- ENGAGED BRITISH DRIVERS TO MOVE FREELY BETWEEN EAST
AND WEST BERLIN.

E) FURTHER THOUGHT WOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO POSSIBILITY
OF ALLOWING VISITORS UNDER EMBASSY AUSPICES TO PASS THROUGH
CHECKPOINT CHARLIE WITHOUT HAVING THEIR PASSPORTS STAMPED.

F) WHERE THE POSITION WAS STILL UNCLEAR (PARAS D AND E
ABOVE) EAST GERMANS SUGGESTED BRITISH SHOULD CONTINUE PRESENT
PRACTICE (I. E., USE OF BRITISH MILITARY GOVERNMENT IDENTITY
CARDS).

2. BRITISH ALSO REPORTED THAT IN VIEW OF ASSURANCE THAT
SERVICE PASSPORTS WOULD NOT BE STAMPED, NON- DIPLOMATIC STAFF
IN EMBASSY ARE NOW USING EAST GERMAN DOCUMENTATION AT CHECK-
POINT CHARLIE RATHER THAN BMG CARDS. GDR PRACTICE, ACCORDING
TO BRITISH, IS BIT ERRATIC. NON- DIPLOMATS ARE NOT ALWAYS
ASKED TO PRODUCE PASSPORTS. ON ONE OCCASION, HOWEVER, OVER-
ZEALOUS GUARD PUT IN FRIEDRICHSTRASSE EXIT STAMP. BRITISH TOOK
MATTER UP IMMEDIATELY WITH GDR FONO OFFICIAL, WHO WAS DISTRESSED
BY INCIDENT AND ARRANGED ON SPOT FOR OLD VISA AND OFFENDING STAMP
TO BE CANCELLED AND NEW VISA ISSUED. KLEIN

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